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UM NOMINATES PRESCOTT HOUSE AS HERITAGE PROPERTY

MISSOULA--

University of Montana President Neil Bucklew has nominated the Clarence R. Prescott Sr. home, constructed in 1897, for designation by the Montana Historical Society as a heritage property. The house is located on the northeast edge of the campus at the foot of Mount Sentinel.

"The University of Montana is proud of its role in historical preservation," Bucklew said. "Our faculty and staff have made major contributions to the development of effective processes in this area. It is appropriate that our joint efforts with the Montana Historical Society serve as a model for additional developments in historical preservation."

Bucklew asked for a further review of the nomination of the Prescott house as part of an overall plan announced last week to identify university buildings that might qualify as heritage properties. The Campus Development Committee and representatives from the Missoula community, assisted by the Montana Historical Society, will undertake the analysis.

Bucklew believes this joint work will result in recommendations that will be endorsed by both the Montana Historical Society and the Montana Board of Regents.

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(NOTE: President Bucklew will be available in his office Thursday, Feb. 21, between 1 and 3 p.m. to answer questions from the media. Call 243-2311.)